

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2125H1

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Cline

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Use of unmanned aircraft systems by public bodies; search warrant required.

**5. Summary:** The substitute legislation replaces the moratorium on the use of unmanned aircraft systems by state and local law enforcement and regulatory entities, except in defined emergency situations or in training exercises related to such situations, that will expire on July 1, 2015, with an absolute prohibition on the use of unmanned aircraft systems by such law enforcement and regulatory entities unless a search warrant, or an administrative or inspection warrant issued pursuant to law has been obtained prior to such use, or if a person with legal authority consents to the warrantless search.

The warrant requirement does not apply to certain search and rescue operations, certain Virginia National Guard functions, or research and development conducted by institutions of higher education or other research organizations. The substitute does not prohibit the use of unmanned aircraft systems for private, commercial, or recreational use.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications** The substitute has no material impact on the Department of State Police and Virginia National Guard.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of State Police, state and local law enforcement, and Virginia National Guard.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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